

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 618

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A RESOLUTION to honor the sacrifice of the personnel of the Fire Department of New York, the New York Police Department, the Port Authority Police Department, and emergency medical personnel who responded to the events at the World Trade Center in New York on September 11, 2001.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom; the men and women who serve as firefighters, police and other law enforcement officers, paramedics and emergency medical technicians; and emergency room physicians and nurses have chosen professions which more than occasionally place them in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of September 11, 2001, millions of Americans were stunned by the savage terrorist attack on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan and on the Pentagon outside of Washington, D.C.; even as the flames rose from the windows of the upper floors, and later, as the buildings collapsed, firefighters, police and emergency medical personnel were racing to rescue and attend to the injuries of those seeking to escape the inferno; and

WHEREAS, the unhesitating courage and heroic actions of the Fire Department of New York, the New York and Port Authority Police Departments, and the responding emergency

medical personnel during those terrible hours inspired all who witnessed their actions even as they mourned the staggering loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the horrific scale of the number of casualties reminds us of the day-to-day individual losses incurred in the professions of firefighting and law enforcement; each individual loss is a tragedy for family and friends, whether it occurred *en masse* or as a single event in a day; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause to honor the sacrifice of those who died or were grievously injured responding to the events of September 11, 2001; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend all the brave men and women of the Fire Department of New York, the New York City and Port Authority Police Departments, and emergency medical personnel who lost their lives or suffered grievous and debilitating injury during the events of September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center in New York City while carrying out their duties to preserve and protect their fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.